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SUBJECT: ISAC 2 (TEXTILES AND APPAREL). MEETING WITH MTN
DELEGATION, JUNE 5-6

REF: GENEVA 8084

1. ISAC 2 (TEXTILES AND APPAREL) MET WITH AMB. MCDONALD
AND MTN DELEGATION STAFF IN GENEVA JUNE 5-6 IN SESSIONS
WHICH PROCEEDED GENERALLY AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. ISAC 2
WAS REPRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN B. BRANDIS, AMERICAN TEXTILE
MFGRS. INSTITUTE; J. CONNER, AMERICAN YARN SPINNERS ASSN.;
S. KORZENIK, NATIONAL KNITTED OUTWEAR ASSN.; J. LINK,
CELANESE CORP.; C. PRIESTLAND, AMERICAN APPAREL MFGRS.
ASSN.; AND M. WILLIAMS, BURLINGTON INDUSTRIES. ISAC REPS
EXPRESSED DESIRE TO REVIEW THE TPSC OBJECTIVES PAPER FOR
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THEIR ISAC UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON SINCE PAPER WAS NOT
AVAILABLE IN GENEVA.

2. ISAC REPS REITERATED THAT PRESENT U.S. OFFER WOULD
HAVE DISASTROUS EFFECT ON DOMESTIC INDUSTRY AND INDICATED
THAT ANY BENEFITS OF FOREIGN CONCESSIONS COULD NOT OFFSET
THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE U.S. OFFER. MAIN WEIGHT OF

ISAC REPS DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON U.S. TARIFF OFFER. THE ISAC REPS ONCE AGAIN ASKED FOR NO TEXTILE AND APPAREL REDUCTIONS AND CITED IN SUPPORT A) STAGGERING INCREASES IN FIRST QUARTER 1978 IMPORTS, WHICH ANNUALIZED, WOULD CAUSE \$4 BILLION DEFICIT FOR TEXTILES, B) CONSIDERABLE UPCOMING COSTS FOR SAFETY AND POLLUTION STANDARDS, AND C) PROJECTED INCREASE IN U.S. MINIMUM WAGE.

3. AMB. MCDONALD NOTED GREAT NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONS FOR TEXTILE AND APPAREL PRODUCTS, THE PROTECTION ALREADY AFFORDED INDUSTRY UNDER BILATERAL RESTRAINTS, TRADE SURPLUS FOR MILL PRODUCTS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE KEY POLICY DECISIONS ON TEXTILES ARE MADE IN WASHINGTON WITH REGARD TO TARIFF EXCLUSIONS.

4. REMAINDER OF TWO DAY SCHEDULE SPENT REVIEWING FOREIGN TARIFF OFFERS AND NTM'S. ISAC REPS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FOREIGN CONCESSIONS ARE MEANINGLESS BECAUSE OF MULTITUDINOUS FOREIGN NTM DEVICES AND THAT IF SOME NTM'S WERE ELIMINATED, NEW ONES WOULD SOON TAKE THEIR PLACE.

5. ISAC REPS NOTED THAT EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN MOST SIGNIFICANT NTM AFFECTING U.S. TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THAT AREA. THEY REITERATED THEIR VIEW THAT THE RULES ARE ILLEGAL AND THAT NO COMPENSATION SHOULD BE MADE FOR THEIR LIBERALIZATION. IN REVIEW OF NTM CODES ISAC 2 REPS ASKED FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL SECURITY EXEMPTION OF TEXTILES FROM GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE.

6. MEETING CLOSED WITH TEXTILE ADVISORS NOTING THAT THEY WOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR EXCLUSION OF TEXTILE PRDDUCTS FROM THE U.S. TARIFF OFFER.

7. DRAFTED BY PMURPHY. MCDONALD

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